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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1994, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council".

2. At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to allocate to the Third Committee chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/49/3) 1/ that were to be considered under the relevant items of the agenda (see A/C.3/49/1).

3. The Third Committee considered the item at its 67th meeting, on 14 December 1994. An account of the Committee's discussions is contained in the summary record of that meeting (A/C.3/49/SR.67).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Economic and Social Council for the year 1994 (A/48/3).

1/ To be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/49/3/Rev.1).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Organization of work of the Third Committee and draft biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 1995-1996, contained in document A/C.3/49/L.76

5. At the 67th meeting on 14 December, the representative of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development introduced and orally revised a note by the Secretariat (A/C.3/49/L.76) entitled "Organization of work of the Third Committee and draft biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 1995-1996" (see A/C.3/49/SR.67).

6. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Albania, Nigeria and Germany (see A/C.3/49/SR.67).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the organization of work and draft biennial programme of work as contained in document A/C.3/49/L.76, as orally revised (see para. 9, draft decision I).

B. Report of the Economic and Social Council

8. At the 67th meeting, on 14 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council (see para. 9, draft decision II).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

9. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Organization of work of the Third Committee and biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1995-1996

The General Assembly, pursuant to its resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and 46/140 of 17 December 1991, approves the organization of work of the Third Committee and the biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1995-1996, as contained in annexes I and II to the present decision.

ANNEX I

Organization of work of the Third Committee

A. GUIDELINES CONCERNING TIME-LIMITS OF STATEMENTS

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of General Assembly decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, at the beginning of each session the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and 46/140 of 17 December 1991 on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by delegations or on behalf of groups of delegations and by Secretariat officials, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session, should not exceed 15 minutes. This time-limit will have to be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers. With a view to saving time, all speakers are encouraged to exercise self-discipline, in particular delegations associated with group statements. For practical reasons, group statements are encouraged for the first day of the discussion of an item or sub-item. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the timely distribution of documentation in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in order to enable delegations to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers at an early stage.

B. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON REPORTS OF TREATY BODIES AND REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE STATUS OF THE TREATIES

3. Reports of all treaty bodies will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with their respective legislative mandates. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. Where possible, it is recommended that separate draft resolutions on the status of the treaties should not be submitted but should be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

C. DRAFT PROPOSALS EMANATING FROM SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

4. The Economic and Social Council, in transmitting draft proposals to the General Assembly, should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

D. PROGRAMME OF WORK

5. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee based on a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects relating to the Committee's work, especially the status of documentation.

6. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fiftieth session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item 2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination 2/

Item 3. Right of peoples to self-determination 2/

Item 4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Item 5. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 6. Advancement of women

Item 7. International drug control

Item 8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Item 9. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Item 10. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Item 11. Human rights questions 3/, 4/

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

2/ Items 2 and 3 are to be discussed jointly. Delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

3/ Sub-item (a) is to be discussed separately; sub-items (b), (c) and (d) are to be discussed jointly.

4/ Delegations may make one statement under sub-item (a) and two statements under sub-items (b), (c) and (d), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee, particularly in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

E. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

8. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee as reproduced below.

9. Delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon in General Assembly resolutions 45/175 and 46/140 regarding the submission of draft proposals and as set out below: 5/

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Annual

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

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5/ References to "odd" and "even" years refer to calendar years.

Biennial

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Item 3. Right of peoples to self-determination

Annual

Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means to violate human rights and to impede the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries)

Item 4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Annual

World social situation 6/

World Summit for Social Development (1995)

Tenth anniversary of International Youth Year (1995)

Biennial

Implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and of the World Programme of Action concerning

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6/ 1995 - Interim report on the world social situation and report of the Commission on Social Development.

1996 - General debate on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

1997 - Report on the world social situation and report of the Commission on Social Development.

1998 - General debate on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

Disabled Persons and the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, the International Year of Older Persons (1999) and related activities (odd years)

Policies and programmes involving youth (odd years)

National experience in promoting the cooperative movement (even years)

Implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future (odd years)

International Year of the Family (1995; thereafter, biennially, if necessary)

Quinquennial

Anniversary of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development (1999)

International Literacy Year (1995)

Item 5. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Annual

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Biennial

International cooperation in combating organized crime (even years)

Quinquennial

United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (1995)

Item 6. Advancement of women

Annual

Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women

Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

Fourth World Conference on Women (to 1995)

Violence against women migrant workers

Biennial

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (even years)

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (odd years)

United Nations Development Fund for Women (odd years)

National experience relating to the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Item 7. International drug control

Annual

Implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

International action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking

Respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking

United Nations International Drug Control Programme

Measures to strengthen international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters

Biennial

Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (even years)

Item 8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Comprehensive consideration and review of the problems of refugees, returnees, displaced persons and related migratory movements (1995)

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (1995)

Biennial

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Quinquennial

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (1997)

Item 9. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Annual

International measures for the prevention and eradication of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (1995)

Protection of children affected by armed conflicts (1995)

Plight of street children (1995)

Biennial

Convention on the Rights of the Child (even)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (even)

Item 10. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Annual

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Biennial

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (even years)

Item 11. Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Annual

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Biennial

Report of the Committee against Torture and status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (even years)

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (even years)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes

Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections

Human rights and terrorism

Strengthening of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

United Nations Year for Tolerance (1995 and 1996)

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Respect for universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (1995)

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education

Biennial

Summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Development of public information activities in the field of human rights (even years)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region (even years)

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (even years)

Human rights and extreme poverty (even years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Human rights and scientific and technological progress (odd years)

National institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights (odd years)

Quinquennial

Award of human rights prizes

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Annual

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights

ANNEX II

Biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 1995-1996

1995 7/

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (resolution 3380 (XXX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX))

7/ The programme of work and documentation for 1995 will be revised in the light of the relevant decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 1995.

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.3)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.77)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.8/Rev.1)

Item 3. Right of peoples to self-determination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.4)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of the use of mercenaries (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.6)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.7/Rev.1)

Item 4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family 8/

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the final draft of the world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond (Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/24 and draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.9/Rev.1)

Interim report on the world social situation 9/

8/ Interim report on the world social situation and the report of the Commission on Social Development.

9/ Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

Report of the Secretary-General and of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on progress made and problems encountered in the quest to achieve a literate world (resolution 46/93) 9/

Report of the World Summit for Social Development (resolution 47/92)

Report of the Secretary-General on the International Year of the Family (resolution 47/237)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress of efforts to ensure the equalization of opportunities and full inclusion of people with disabilities within the various bodies of the United Nations system (resolution 48/95)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (resolution 48/96)

Report of the Secretary-General on a draft programme for the preparations and observance of the International Year of the Elderly (Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/22 and resolution 48/98)

Item 5. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the information requested in draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.78)

Report of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.75)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.79

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime (A/49/606, para. 25, draft resolution IV)

Item 6. Advancement of women

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180) 9/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (resolution 48/105 and draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.67)

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (resolution 48/109) 9/

Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Economic and Social Council decision 1992/272 and draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.65)

Report of the Secretary-General on improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/6 and draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.72)

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.64)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women and on the integration of older women in development (draft resolutions A/C.3/49/L.65 and L.66)

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.65)

Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women migrant workers (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.70)

Report of the Secretary-General on traffic in women and girls (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.71/Rev.1) 9/

Item 7. International drug control

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the information requested in General Assembly resolution 48/12

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action (resolutions S-17/2, annex, 47/100 and draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.13/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control, including agency-specific implementation plans (resolutions 47/100 and draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.13/Rev.1) 9/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.13/Rev.1

Item 8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.17/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive consideration and review of the problems of refugees, returnees, displaced persons and related migratory movements (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.18/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.19)

Item 9. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of children in armed conflicts (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.21/Rev.1)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.22)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Plight of street children (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.24)

Item 10. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive programme of action for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (resolution 48/163 and draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.26/Rev.1)

Item 11. Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (resolution 2200 A (XXI)) 9/

Report of the Committee against Torture (resolution 39/46)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (resolution 36/151 and draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.29)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (resolution 48/119)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.28)

Report of the Secretary-General on the meeting of persons chairing treaty bodies (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.31/Rev.1)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the recommendations of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of respect for universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.37)

Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights (resolution 48/134)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses (resolution 48/139)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (resolution 48/141) 9/

Report of the Secretary-General on respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.34)

Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.38)

Report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of a United Nations voluntary fund for victims of terrorism (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.40)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.49)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (resolution 48/131 and draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.51/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.56)

Report of the Secretary-General on a programme within the United Nations on strengthening the rule of law (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.59/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.60)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Internally displaced persons (resolution 48/135)

Human rights in the administration of justice (resolution 48/137)

Human rights and scientific and technological progress (resolution 48/140)

United Nations Year for Tolerance (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.20)

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.39/Rev.1)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.43)

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat in assisting the Cambodian Government and people in the promotion and protection of human rights and the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.45)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Kosovo (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.58)

Report of the Secretary-General on rape and abuse of women in the areas of armed conflict in the former Yugoslavia (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.61)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Commission on the situation of human rights in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.42/Rev.1)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Situation of human rights in the Sudan (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.44)

Situation of human rights in Cuba (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.46)

Situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Haiti (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.48)

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.52)

Situation of human rights in Iraq (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.53)

Situation of human rights in Rwanda (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.62)

Situation of human rights in Afghanistan (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.63)

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 48/121)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, including the information requested in draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.55 9/ (see item 11 (b) above)

1996

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

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Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (resolution 3380 (XXX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolutions 2106 A (XX) and A/C.3/49/L.2)

Item 3. Right of peoples to self-determination

Item 4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on the role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.12)

Item 5. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 6. Advancement of women

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180) 9/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and on the working

methods of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124 and draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.68)

Item 7. International drug control

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.13/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General containing the biennial update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (resolution 48/112, sect. IV) 9/

Item 8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Report of the Secretary-General on a new international humanitarian order (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.15)

Item 9. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (resolution 44/25, annex) 9/

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.23)

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Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.57)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Human rights and extreme poverty (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.33)

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.41)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

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DRAFT DECISION II

Report of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly takes note of the relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council. 10/

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ELIMINATION OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Report of the Third Committee (Part I)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1994, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Third Committee considered the item jointly with item 94 at its 3rd to 8th, 17th, 22nd and 35th meetings, on 11, 14 and 17 October and on 2, 8 and 17 November 1994. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/49/SR.3-8, 17, 22 and 35).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/49/18); 1/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (A/49/403);

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* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in two parts (see also A/49/604/Add.1).

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(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (A/49/404);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/49/499);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General on a proposal with a view to supplementing the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1993-2003) (A/49/464);

(f) Letter dated 6 April 1994 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the joint communiqué issued at the Fourth Meeting of the Summit-level Group for South-South Consultation and Cooperation (Group of Fifteen), held at New Delhi from 28 to 30 March 1994 (A/49/119);

(g) Letter dated 25 June 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt to the Secretary-General transmitting the texts of the documents adopted by the Eleventh Ministerial Conference of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Cairo from 31 May to 3 June 1994 (A/49/287-S/1994/894 and Corr.1);

(h) Letter dated 23 September 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the final report of the twentieth regular meeting of the Latin American Council, held at Mexico City from 30 May to 3 June 1994 (A/49/486);

(i) Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (A/49/677);

(j) Letter dated 14 October 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/49/7);

(k) Letter dated 25 October 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/49/18).

4. At the 3rd meeting, on 11 October, the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development addressed the Committee (see A/C.3/49/SR.3).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.2

5. At the 17th meeting, on 2 November, the representative of Belgium, on behalf of Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, the Bahamas, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt,

El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Uruguay, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination" (A/C.3/49/L.2). Subsequently, Armenia, Cyprus, Iceland, India, Guatemala, Maldives and Senegal joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At its 22nd meeting, on 8 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.2 without a vote (see para. 19, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.3

7. At the 17th meeting, on 2 November, the representative of Slovenia, on behalf of Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination" (A/C.3/49/L.3). Subsequently, Cyprus, Egypt, Guatemala, Portugal, Senegal and Spain joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

8. At the 22nd meeting, on 8 November, the representative of Burundi made a statement (see A/C.3/49/SR.22).

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.3 without a vote (see para. 19, draft resolution II).

C. Draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.8 and Rev.1

10. At the 17th meeting, on 2 November, the representative of the Gambia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination" (A/C.3/49/L.8), which read:

> "The General Assembly,
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> "Reaffirming its objectives set forth in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in solving problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,
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> "Reaffirming also its firm determination and its commitment to eradicate totally and unconditionally racism in all its forms and racial discrimination,

"Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 2/ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination 3/ and the Convention against Discrimination in Education adopted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 14 December 1960, 4/

"Recalling also the outcome of the two World Conferences to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, held at Geneva in 1978 and 1983,

"Welcoming the outcome of the World Conference on Human Rights, held at Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993, and, in particular, the attention given in the Programme of Action 5/ to the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance,

"Recalling Economic and Social Council decision 1993/258 of 28 July 1993 concerning the appointment of a special rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

"Recalling also its resolution 38/14 of 22 November 1993, the annex to which contains the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

"Noting with grave concern that, despite the efforts of the international community, the principal objectives of the two Decades for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination have not been attained and that millions of human beings continue to this day to be the victims of varied forms of racism and racial discrimination,

"Deeply concerned about the current trend of the evolution of racism into discriminatory practices based on culture, nationality, religion or language,

"Recalling, in particular, its resolution 48/91 of 20 December 1993, by which it proclaimed the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

"Having considered the report submitted by the Secretary-General within the framework of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade,

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2/ Resolution 217 A (III).

3/ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

4/ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Records of the General Conference, Eleventh Session, Resolutions, p. 119.

5/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I)), chap. III.

"Firmly convinced of the need to take more effective and sustained measures at the national and international levels for the elimination of all forms of racism and racial discrimination,

"Welcoming South Africa's peaceful transition to a democratic and non-racial society,

"Recognizing the importance of strengthening national legislation and institutions for the promotion of racial harmony,

"Noting with grave concern the magnitude of the phenomenon of racism and racial discrimination against migrant workers, and aware of the efforts undertaken by the international community to improve the protection of the human rights of migrant workers and members of their families,

"Recalling the adoption at its forty-fifth session of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, 6/

"Acknowledging that indigenous people are at times victims of particular forms of racism and racial discrimination,

"1. Declares once again that all forms of racism and racial discrimination, whether in the form of racial superiority or exclusivity, such as ethnic cleansing, are among the most serious violations of human rights in the contemporary world and must be combated by all available means;

"2. Welcomes the proclamation of the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, which began in 1993, and adopts the revised Programme of Action for the Third Decade contained in the annex to the present resolution;

"3. Calls upon Governments to cooperate more closely with the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance to enable him to fulfil his mandate;

"4. Urges all Governments to take all necessary measures to combat new forms of racism, in particular by adapting constantly the means provided to combat them, especially in the legislative, administrative, educational and information fields;

"5. Decides that the international community in general and the United Nations in particular should give the highest priority to programmes for combating racism and racial discrimination and intensify their efforts during the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, to provide assistance and relief to the victims of racism and all forms of racial discrimination;

6/ Resolution 45/158, annex.

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to accord special attention to the situation of migrant workers and members of their families and to include regularly in his reports all information on such workers;

"7. Calls upon all Member States to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families as a matter of priority, in view of its possible entry into force;

"8. Requests the Secretary-General to continue the study on the effects of racial discrimination on the children of minorities, in particular those of migrant workers, in the fields of education, training and employment, and to submit, inter alia, specific recommendations for the implementation of measures to combat the effects of that discrimination;

"9. Urges the Secretary-General, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, all Governments, intergovernmental organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations, in implementing the Programme of Action for the Third Decade, to pay particular attention to the situation of indigenous people;

"10. Requests the Secretary-General to revise and finalize the draft model legislation for the guidance of Governments in the enactment of further legislation against racial discrimination, in the light of comments made by members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination at its fortieth and forty-first sessions and to publish and distribute the text as soon as possible;

"11. Renews its invitation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to expedite the preparation of teaching materials and teaching aids to promote teaching, training and education activities on human rights and against racism and racial discrimination, with particular emphasis on activities at the primary and secondary levels of education;

"12. Considers that all the parts of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination should be given equal attention in order to attain the objectives of the Third Decade;

"13. Regrets that some of the activities scheduled for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination have not been implemented for lack of adequate resources;

"14. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary financial resources are provided for the implementation of the activities of the Third Decade during the biennium 1994-1995;

"15. Also requests the Secretary-General to accord the highest priority to the activities of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

"16. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit each year to the Economic and Social Council a detailed report on all activities of United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies, analysing information received on such activities to combat racism and racial discrimination;

"17. Invites the Secretary-General to submit proposals to the General Assembly with a view to implementing, if necessary, the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

"18. Invites all Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, as well as interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to participate fully in the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

"19. Also invites all Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individuals in a position to do so to contribute generously to the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, and to this end requests the Secretary-General to continue to undertake appropriate contacts and initiatives;

"20. Decides to keep the item entitled 'Elimination of racism and racial discrimination' on its agenda and to consider it as a matter of highest priority at its fiftieth session.

"ANNEX

"Revised Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1993-2003)

"INTRODUCTION

"1. The goals and objectives of the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination are those adopted by the General Assembly for the first Decade and contained in paragraph 8 of the annex to its resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973:

> 'The ultimate goals of the Decade are to promote human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of any kind on grounds of race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin, especially by eradicating racial prejudice, racism and racial discrimination; to arrest any expansion of racist policies, to eliminate the persistence of racist policies and to counteract the emergence of alliances based on mutual espousal of racism and racial discrimination; to resist any policy and practices which lead to the strengthening of the racist regimes and contribute to the sustainment of racism and racial discrimination; to identify, isolate and dispel the fallacious and mythical beliefs, policies and practices that contribute to racism and racial discrimination; and to put an end to racist regimes.'

"2. In drawing up suggested elements for the Programme of Action for the Third Decade, account has been taken of the fact that current global economic conditions have caused many Member States to call for budgetary restraint, which in turn requires a conservative approach to the number and type of programmes of action that may be considered at this time. The Secretary-General also took into account the relevant suggestions made by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination at its forty-first session. The elements presented below have been suggested as those which are essential, should resources be made available to implement them.

"MEASURES TO REMEDY THE LEGACY OF CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DISPARITIES LEFT BY APARTHEID

"3. The successful peaceful transition of South Africa to a democratic and non-racial society with human rights safeguarded by an entrenched Charter of Fundamental Rights has nevertheless left cultural, economic and social inequalities reflecting historical deprivation. Corrective action by human rights bodies will make a constructive contribution.

"ACTION AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

"4. During the discussion at the substantive session of 1992 of the Economic and Social Council concerning the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, many delegations expressed their concern with regard to new expressions of racism, racial discrimination, intolerance and xenophobia in various parts of the world. In particular, these affect minorities, ethnic groups, migrant workers, indigenous populations, nomads, immigrants and refugees.

"5. The biggest contribution to the elimination of racial discrimination will be that which results from the actions of States within their own territories. International action undertaken as part of any programme for the Third Decade should therefore be directed so as to assist States to act effectively. The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination has established standards for States, and every opportunity should be seized to ensure that these are universally accepted and applied.

"6. The General Assembly should consider more effective action to ensure that all States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination fulfil their reporting and financial obligations. National action against racism and racial discrimination should be monitored and improved by requesting an expert member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to prepare a report on obstacles encountered with respect to the effective implementation of the Convention by States parties and suggestions for remedial measures.

"7. The General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to organize regional workshops and seminars. A team from the Committee should be

invited to monitor these meetings. The following themes are suggested for the seminars:

"(a) Seminar to assess the experience gained in the implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. The seminar would also assess the efficiency of national legislation and recourse procedures available to victims of racism;

"(b) Seminar on the eradication of incitement to racial hatred and discrimination, including the prohibition of propaganda activities and of organizations involved in them;

"(c) Seminar on the right to equal treatment before tribunals and other judicial institutions, including the provision of reparation for damages suffered as a result of discrimination;

"(d) Seminar on the transmission of racial inequality from one generation to another, with special reference to the children of migrant workers and the appearance of new forms of segregation;

"(e) Seminar on immigration and racism;

"(f) Seminar on international cooperation in the elimination of racial discrimination, including cooperation between States, the contribution of non-governmental organizations, national and regional institutions, United Nations bodies and petitions to treaty-monitoring bodies;

"(g) Seminar on the enactment of national legislation to combat racism and racial discrimination affecting ethnic groups, migrant workers and refugees (in Europe and North America);

"(h) Seminar on flows of refugees resulting from ethnic conflicts or political restructuring of multi-ethnic societies in socio-economic transition (Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia) and their link with racism in the host country;

"(i) Training course on national legislation prohibiting racial discrimination for nationals from countries with and without such legislation;

"(j) Regional seminars on nationalism, ethno-nationalism and human rights could also provide an opportunity for broadening knowledge of the causes of today's ethnic conflicts, and particularly of the so-called policy of 'ethnic cleansing', in order to provide solutions.

"8. The General Assembly requests the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to undertake specific activities that could be carried out by Governments and relevant national non-governmental organizations to commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on 21 March each year. Support should be sought from artists, as well as religious leaders, trade unions, enterprises and

political parties, to sensitize the population on the evils of racism and racial discrimination.

"9. The Department of Public Information should also publish its posters for the Third Decade and informative brochures on the activities planned for the Decade. Documentary films and reports, as well as radio broadcasts on the damaging effects of racism and racial discrimination, should, moreover, be considered.

"10. In cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Department of Public Information, the General Assembly supports the organization of a seminar on the role of mass media in combating or disseminating racist ideas.

"11. In cooperation with the International Labour Organization, the possibility of organizing a seminar on the role of trade unions in combating racism and racial discrimination in employment should be explored.

"12. The General Assembly invites the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to expedite the preparation of teaching materials and teaching aids to promote teaching, training and educational activities against racism and racial discrimination, with particular emphasis on activities at the primary and secondary levels of education.

"13. The General Assembly calls upon Member States to make special efforts:

"(a) To promote the aim of non-discrimination in all educational programmes and policies;

"(b) To give special attention to the civic education of teachers. It is essential that teachers be aware of the principles and essential content of the legal texts relevant to racism and racial discrimination and of how to deal with the problem of relations between children belonging to different communities;

"(c) To teach contemporary history at an early age, presenting children with an accurate picture of the crimes committed by fascist and other totalitarian regimes, and more particularly of the crimes of apartheid and genocide;

"(d) To ensure that curricula and textbooks reflect anti-racist principles and promote intercultural education.

"ACTION AT THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS

"14. The following questions are addressed in the context of action to be undertaken at the national and regional levels: have there been any successful national models to eliminate racism and racial prejudices that could be recommended to States, for example, for educating children, or

principles of equality to tackle racism against migrant workers, ethnic minorities or indigenous peoples? What kind of affirmative action programmes are there at the national or regional level to redress discrimination against specific groups?

"15. The General Assembly recommends that States that have not yet done so adopt, ratify and implement legislation prohibiting racism and racial discrimination, such as the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid and the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

"16. The General Assembly recommends that Member States review their national programmes to combat racial discrimination and its effects in order to identify and to seize opportunities to close gaps between different groups, and especially to undertake housing, educational and employment programmes that have proved to be successful in combating racial discrimination and xenophobia.

"17. The General Assembly recommends that Member States encourage the participation of journalists and human rights advocates from minority groups and communities in the mass media. Radio and television programmes should increase the number of broadcasts produced by and in cooperation with racial and cultural minority groups. Multicultural activities of the media should also be encouraged where they can contribute to the suppression of racism and xenophobia.

"18. The General Assembly recommends that regional organizations cooperate closely with United Nations efforts in combating racism and racial discrimination. Regional organizations dealing with human rights issues could mobilize public opinion in their regions against the evils of racism and racial prejudices directed towards disadvantaged racial and ethnic groups. These institutions could serve an important function in assisting Governments to enact national legislation against racial discrimination and promote adoption and application of international conventions. Regional human rights commissions should be called upon to publicize widely basic texts on existing human rights instruments.

"BASIC RESEARCH AND STUDIES

"19. The long-term viability of the United Nations programme against racism and racial discrimination will depend in part on continuing research into the causes of racism and into the new manifestations of racism and racial discrimination. The General Assembly may wish to examine the importance of preparing studies on racism. The following are some aspects to be studied:

"(a) Study of the application of article 2 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. Such a study might assist States to learn from one another the national measures undertaken to implement the Convention;

"(b) Study of the economic factors contributing to perpetuation of racism and racial discrimination;

"(c) Integration or preservation of cultural identity in a multiracial or multi-ethnic society;

"(d) Study of political rights, including the participation of various racial groups in political processes and their representation in government service;

"(e) Study of civil rights, including migration, nationality and freedom of opinion and association;

"(f) Study of educational measures to combat racial prejudice and discrimination and to propagate the principles of the United Nations;

"(g) Studies of the socio-economic costs of racism and racial discrimination;

"(h) Global integration and the question of racism and the nation State;

"(i) National mechanisms against racism and racial discrimination in the fields of immigration, employment, salary, housing, education and ownership of property.

"COORDINATION AND REPORTING

"20. It may be relevant to recall that, in its resolution 38/14 of 22 November 1983, in which it proclaimed the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, the General Assembly charged the Economic and Social Council with coordinating the implementation of the programme and evaluating the activities. The Assembly decides that the following steps should be taken to strengthen the United Nations input into the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination:

"(a) The General Assembly entrusts the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights, in cooperation with the Secretary-General, with the responsibility for coordinating the programmes and evaluating the activities undertaken in connection with the Third Decade;

"(b) The Secretary-General is invited to provide specific information on activities against racism, to be contained in one annual report, which should be comprehensive in nature and allow a general overview of all mandated activities. This will facilitate coordination and evaluation;

"(c) An open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights, or other appropriate arrangement under the Commission, may be established to review Decade-related information on the basis of the annual reports referred to above, as well as relevant studies and reports of seminars, to assist the Commission in formulating appropriate recommendations to the

Economic and Social Council on particular activities, allocation of priorities and so on.

"21. Furthermore, an inter-agency meeting should be organized immediately after the proclamation of the Third Decade, in 1994, with a view to planning working meetings and other activities.

"REGULAR SYSTEM-WIDE CONSULTATIONS

"22. On an annual basis, consultations between the United Nations, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations should take place to review and plan Decade-related activities. In this framework, the Centre for Human Rights should organize inter-agency meetings to consider and discuss further measures to strengthen the coordination and cooperation of programmes related to the issues of combating racism and racial discrimination.

"23. The Centre for Human Rights should also strengthen the relationship with non-governmental organizations fighting against racism and racial discrimination by holding consultations and briefings with the non-governmental organizations. Such meetings could help them to initiate, develop and present proposals regarding the struggle against racism and racial discrimination.

"24. The Secretary-General should include the activities to be carried out during the Decade, as well as the related resource requirements, in the proposed programme budgets, which will be submitted biennially, during the Decade, starting with the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995."

11. At the 22nd meeting, on 8 November, the representative of Ghana orally revised draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.8.

12. At the same meeting, following statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Barbados and Ghana, the Committee decided to defer action on the draft resolution to a later date.

13. At its 35th meeting, on 17 November, the Committee had before it a revised draft resolution (A/C.3/49/L.8/Rev.1), submitted by the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.8, which incorporated the revisions made by the representative of Ghana at the 22nd meeting.

14. At the same meeting, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced an amendment to the revised draft resolution.

15. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Germany (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mauritania, Ghana and Senegal.

16. Subsequently, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran withdrew his amendment.

17. The Committee then adopted revised draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.8/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 19, draft resolution III).

18. After the adoption of the revised draft resolution, the representative of the United States of America made a statement (see A/C.3/49/SR.35).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

19. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its relevant resolutions adopted since 1973, the most recent of which is resolution 47/78 of 16 December 1992,

Expressing its satisfaction at the entry into force on 3 December 1982, of the competence of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to receive and consider communications from individuals or groups of individuals under article 14 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 7/

Recalling its resolution 47/111 of 16 December 1992, in which it welcomed the decision, taken on 15 January 1992 by the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 8/ to amend paragraph 6 of article 8 of the Convention and to add a new paragraph, as paragraph 7 of article 8, with a view to providing for the financing of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination from the regular budget of the United Nations,

Recalling the decision of the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties that the amendments would enter into force once two thirds of the State parties had notified the Secretary-General as depositary that they agreed to the amendments,

Noting that, despite that decision, the amendments have not yet come into force,

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7/ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

8/ See CERD/SP/45, annex.

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination; 9/

2. Expresses its satisfaction at the number of States that have ratified the Convention or acceded thereto;

3. Reaffirms once again its conviction that ratification of or accession to the Convention on a universal basis and implementation of its provisions are necessary for the realization of the objectives of the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and for action beyond the Decade;

4. Requests those States which have not yet become parties to the Convention to ratify it or accede thereto;

5. Requests the States parties to the Convention to consider the possibility of making the declaration provided for in article 14 of the Convention;

6. Urges all States parties that have not done so to take all measures necessary to enable the entry into force at the earliest possible date of the amendments to the Convention of 15 January 1992;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session a report concerning the status of the Convention, in accordance with Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions concerning the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and its resolutions on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 10/

Reiterating the importance of the Convention, which is one of the most widely accepted human rights instruments adopted under the auspices of the United Nations,

Aware of the importance of the contributions of the Committee to the efforts of the United Nations to combat racism and all other forms of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin,

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9/ A/49/403.

10/ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

Reiterating once again the need to intensify the struggle for the elimination of racism and racial discrimination throughout the world, especially its most brutal forms,

Emphasizing the obligation of all States parties to the Convention to take legislative, judicial and other measures in order to secure full implementation of the provisions of the Convention,

Bearing in mind the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, 11/ adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993, in particular section II.B, relating to equality, dignity and tolerance, and General Assembly resolution 48/121 of 20 December 1993, in particular paragraph 9,

Calling upon States parties expeditiously to notify the Secretary-General in writing of their agreement to the amendment 12/ to the Convention regarding the financing of the Committee, as decided upon at the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on 15 January 1992 and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/111 of 16 December 1992,

Welcoming efforts of the Secretary-General to ensure interim financial arrangements for the financing of the expenses incurred by the Committee,

Stressing the importance of enabling the Committee to function smoothly and to have all necessary facilities for the effective performance of its functions under the Convention,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee, 13/

1. Commends the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination for its work with regard to the implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination 14/ and its contribution to the preparation of the third decade to combat racism and racial discrimination;

2. Encourages the Committee to contribute fully to the implementation of the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and its Programme of Action, 15/ including by convening a joint meeting of the Committee and the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;

11/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I)), chap. III.

12/ See A/49/499, annex I.

13/ A/49/499.

14/ Resolution 38/14, annex.

15/ Resolution 48/91, annex.

3. Welcomes the beginning of communication between the Committee and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and encourages its continuation;

4. Welcomes the innovatory procedures adopted by the Committee for reviewing the implementation of the Convention in States whose reports are overdue and for formulating concluding observations on reports of States parties to the Convention;

5. Commends the Committee for its efforts in the area of prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning and urgent procedures, and welcomes its relevant decisions; 16/

6. Expresses its profound concern at the fact that a number of States parties have still not fulfilled their financial obligations, as shown in the report of the Secretary-General; 12/, 13/

7. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Committee on the work of its forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions; 17/

8. Urges States parties to accelerate their domestic ratification procedures with regard to the amendment concerning the financing of the Committee;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to ensure adequate financial arrangements and appropriate means to permit the functioning of the Committee;

10. Calls upon States parties to fulfil their obligations under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention, to submit in due time their periodic reports on measures taken to implement the Convention and to pay their outstanding contributions;

11. Strongly appeals to all States parties that are in arrears to fulfil their outstanding financial obligations under article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to invite those States parties which are in arrears to pay the amounts in arrears, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session;

13. Decides to consider at its fiftieth session, under the item entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination", the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee and the report of the Committee.

16/ See A/49/18, chap. II and annex III.

17/ A/49/18.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its objectives set forth in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in solving problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Reaffirming also its firm determination and its commitment to eradicate totally and unconditionally racism in all its forms and racial discrimination,

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 18/ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination 19/ and the Convention against Discrimination in Education adopted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 14 December 1960, 20/

Recalling also the outcome of the two World Conferences to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, held at Geneva in 1978 and 1983,

Welcoming the outcome of the World Conference on Human Rights, held at Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993, and, in particular, the attention given in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action 21/ to the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance,

Taking note of the recommendation of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to the Commission on Human Rights to examine at its fifty-first session the possibility of convening a world conference on the elimination of racism, racial and ethnic discrimination, xenophobia and other related contemporary forms of intolerance, to take place in 1997,

Stressing the importance of the activities of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

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18/ Resolution 217 A (III).

19/ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

20/ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Records of the General Conference, Eleventh Session, Resolutions, p. 119.

21/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I)), chap. III.

Recalling its resolution 38/14 of 22 November 1983, the annex to which contains the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Noting with grave concern that, despite the efforts of the international community, the principal objectives of the two Decades for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination have not been attained and that millions of human beings continue to this day to be the victims of varied forms of racism and racial discrimination,

Deeply concerned about the current trend of the evolution of racism into discriminatory practices based on culture, nationality, religion or language,

Recalling, in particular, its resolution 48/91 of 20 December 1993, by which it proclaimed the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Having considered the report submitted by the Secretary-General within the framework of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade, 22/

Firmly convinced of the need to take more effective and sustained measures at the national and international levels for the elimination of all forms of racism and racial discrimination,

Welcoming South Africa's peaceful transition to a democratic and non-racial society,

Recognizing the importance of strengthening national legislation and institutions for the promotion of racial harmony,

Deeply concerned about the fact that the phenomenon of racism and racial discrimination against migrant workers continues to increase despite efforts undertaken by the international community to improve the protection of the human rights of migrant workers and members of their families,

Recalling the adoption at its forty-fifth session of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, 23/

Acknowledging that indigenous people are at times victims of particular forms of racism and racial discrimination,

1. Declares once again that all forms of racism and racial discrimination, whether in their institutionalized form or resulting from official doctrines of racial superiority or exclusivity, such as ethnic cleansing, are among the most serious violations of human rights in the contemporary world and must be combated by all available means;

22/ A/49/464.

23/ Resolution 45/158, annex.

2. Welcomes the proclamation of the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, which began in 1993, and adopts the revised Programme of Action for the Third Decade contained in the annex to the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to make a further review of the Programme of Action with a view to making it more effective and action-oriented;

3. Calls upon Governments to cooperate more closely with the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance to enable him to fulfil his mandate;

4. Urges all Governments to take all necessary measures to combat new forms of racism, in particular by adapting constantly the means provided to combat them, especially in the legislative, administrative, educational and information fields;

5. Decides that the international community in general and the United Nations in particular should give the highest priority to programmes for combating racism and racial discrimination and should intensify their efforts, during the Third Decade, to provide assistance and relief to the victims of racism and all forms of racial discrimination;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to accord special attention to the situation of migrant workers and members of their families and to include regularly in his reports all information on such workers;

7. Calls upon all Member States to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families as a matter of priority;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to continue the study on the effects of racial discrimination on the children of minorities, in particular those of migrant workers, in the fields of education, training and employment, and to submit, inter alia, specific recommendations for the implementation of measures to combat the effects of that discrimination;

9. Urges the Secretary-General, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, all Governments, intergovernmental organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations, in implementing the Programme of Action for the Third Decade, to pay particular attention to the situation of indigenous people;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to revise and finalize the draft model legislation for the guidance of Governments in the enactment of further legislation against racial discrimination, in the light of comments made by members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination at its fortieth and forty-first sessions, and to publish and distribute the text as soon as possible;

11. Renews its invitation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to expedite the preparation of teaching materials and teaching aids to promote teaching, training and educational activities on human

rights and against racism and racial discrimination, with particular emphasis on activities at the primary and secondary levels of education;

12. Considers that all the parts of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade should be given equal attention in order to attain the objectives of the Third Decade;

13. Regrets that some of the activities scheduled for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination have not been implemented for lack of adequate resources;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary financial resources are provided for the implementation of the activities of the Third Decade during the biennium 1994-1995;

15. Also requests the Secretary-General to accord the highest priority to the activities of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade;

16. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit each year to the Economic and Social Council a detailed report on all activities of United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies, containing an analysis of information received on such activities to combat racism and racial discrimination;

17. Invites the Secretary-General to submit proposals to the General Assembly with a view to supplementing, if necessary, the Programme of Action for the Third Decade;

18. Invites all Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, as well as interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to participate fully in the Third Decade;

19. Invites all Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individuals in a position to do so to contribute generously to the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, and to this end requests the Secretary-General to continue to undertake appropriate contacts and initiatives;

20. Decides to keep the item entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination" in its agenda and to consider it as a matter of the highest priority at its fiftieth session.

ANNEX

Revised Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1993-2003)

INTRODUCTION

1. The goals and objectives of the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination are those adopted by the General Assembly for the first Decade and contained in paragraph 8 of the annex to its resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973:

> "The ultimate goals of the Decade are to promote human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of any kind on grounds of race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin, especially by eradicating racial prejudice, racism and racial discrimination; to arrest any expansion of racist policies, to eliminate the persistence of racist policies and to counteract the emergence of alliances based on mutual espousal of racism and racial discrimination; to resist any policy and practices which lead to the strengthening of the racist regimes and contribute to the sustainment of racism and racial discrimination; to identify, isolate and dispel the fallacious and mythical beliefs, policies and practices that contribute to racism and racial discrimination; and to put an end to racist regimes."

2. In drawing up suggested elements for the Programme of Action for the Third Decade, account has been taken of the fact that current global economic conditions have caused many Member States to call for budgetary restraint, which in turn requires a conservative approach to the number and type of programmes of action that may be considered at this time. The Secretary-General also took into account the relevant suggestions made by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination at its forty-first session. The elements presented below have been suggested as those which are essential, should resources be made available to implement them.

MEASURES TO REMEDY THE LEGACY OF CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DISPARITIES LEFT BY APARTHEID

3. The successful peaceful transition of South Africa to a democratic and non-racial society with human rights safeguarded by an entrenched Charter of Fundamental Rights has nevertheless left cultural, economic and social inequalities reflecting historical deprivation. Corrective action by human rights bodies will make a constructive contribution.

ACTION AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

4. During the discussion at the substantive session of 1992 of the Economic and Social Council concerning the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, many delegations expressed their concern with regard to new

expressions of racism, racial discrimination, intolerance and xenophobia in various parts of the world. In particular, these affect minorities, ethnic groups, migrant workers, indigenous populations, nomads, immigrants and refugees.

5. The biggest contribution to the elimination of racial discrimination will be that which results from the actions of States within their own territories. International action undertaken as part of any programme for the Third Decade should therefore be directed so as to assist States to act effectively. The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination has established standards for States, and every opportunity should be seized to ensure that these are universally accepted and applied.

6. The General Assembly should consider more effective action to ensure that all States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination fulfil their reporting and financial obligations. National action against racism and racial discrimination should be monitored and improved by requesting an expert member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to prepare a report on obstacles encountered with respect to the effective implementation of the Convention by States parties and suggestions for remedial measures.

7. The General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to organize regional workshops and seminars. A team from the Committee should be invited to monitor these meetings. The following themes are suggested for the seminars:

(a) Seminar to assess the experience gained in the implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. The seminar would also assess the efficiency of national legislation and recourse procedures available to victims of racism;

(b) Seminar on the eradication of incitement to racial hatred and discrimination, including the prohibition of propaganda activities and of organizations involved in them;

(c) Seminar on the right to equal treatment before tribunals and other judicial institutions, including the provision of reparation for damages suffered as a result of discrimination;

(d) Seminar on the transmission of racial inequality from one generation to another, with special reference to the children of migrant workers and the appearance of new forms of segregation;

(e) Seminar on immigration and racism;

(f) Seminar on international cooperation in the elimination of racial discrimination, including cooperation between States, the contribution of non-governmental organizations, national and regional institutions, United Nations bodies and petitions to treaty-monitoring bodies;

(g) Seminar on the enactment of national legislation to combat racism and racial discrimination affecting ethnic groups, migrant workers and refugees in all parts of the world;

(h) Seminar on flows of refugees resulting from ethnic conflicts or political restructuring of multi-ethnic societies in socio-economic transition and their link with racism in the host country;

(i) Training course on national legislation prohibiting racial discrimination for nationals from countries with and without such legislation;

(j) Regional seminars on nationalism, ethno-nationalism and human rights could also provide an opportunity for broadening knowledge of the causes of today's ethnic conflicts, particularly of the so-called policy of "ethnic cleansing", in order to provide solutions;

(k) Seminar for educational and training experts, including non-governmental organizations, in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other appropriate organizations, aimed at the development of educational materials and training courses for teachers and other opinion leaders on eliminating prejudice and fostering tolerance.

8. The General Assembly requests the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to undertake specific activities that could be carried out by Governments and relevant national non-governmental organizations to commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on 21 March each year. Support should be sought from artists, as well as religious leaders, trade unions, enterprises and political parties, to sensitize the population on the evils of racism and racial discrimination.

9. The Department of Public Information should also publish its posters for the Third Decade and informative brochures on the activities planned for the Decade. Documentary films and reports, as well as radio broadcasts on the damaging effects of racism and racial discrimination, should, moreover, be considered.

10. In cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Department of Public Information, the General Assembly supports the organization of a seminar on the role of mass media in combating or disseminating racist ideas.

11. In cooperation with the International Labour Organization, the possibility of organizing a seminar on the role of trade unions in combating racism and racial discrimination in employment should be explored.

12. The General Assembly invites the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to expedite the preparation of teaching materials and teaching aids to promote teaching, training and educational activities against racism and racial discrimination, with particular emphasis on activities at the primary and secondary levels of education.

13. The General Assembly calls upon Member States to make special efforts:

(a) To promote the aim of non-discrimination in all educational programmes and policies;

(b) To give special attention to the civic education of teachers. It is essential that teachers be aware of the principles and essential content of the legal texts relevant to racism and racial discrimination and of how to deal with the problem of relations between children belonging to different communities;

(c) To teach contemporary history at an early age, presenting children with an accurate picture of the crimes committed by fascist and other totalitarian regimes, and more particularly of the crimes of apartheid and genocide;

(d) To ensure that curricula and textbooks reflect anti-racist principles and promote intercultural education.

ACTION AT THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS

14. The following questions are addressed in the context of action to be undertaken at the national and regional levels: have there been any successful national models to eliminate racism and racial prejudices that could be recommended to States, for example, for educating children, or principles of equality to tackle racism against migrant workers, ethnic minorities or indigenous peoples? What kind of affirmative action programmes are there at the national or regional level to redress discrimination against specific groups?

15. The General Assembly recommends that States that have not yet done so adopt, ratify and implement legislation prohibiting racism and racial discrimination, such as the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

16. The General Assembly recommends that Member States review their national programmes to combat racial discrimination and its effects in order to identify and to seize opportunities to close gaps between different groups, and especially to undertake housing, educational and employment programmes that have proved to be successful in combating racial discrimination and xenophobia.

17. The General Assembly recommends that Member States encourage the participation of journalist and human rights advocates from minority groups and communities in the mass media. Radio and television programmes should increase the number of broadcasts produced by and in cooperation with racial and cultural minority groups. Multicultural activities of the media should also be encouraged where they can contribute to the suppression of racism and xenophobia.

18. The General Assembly recommends that regional organizations cooperate closely with United Nations efforts to combat racism and racial discrimination. Regional organizations dealing with human rights issues could mobilize public

opinion in their regions against the evils of racism and racial prejudices directed towards disadvantaged racial and ethnic groups. These institutions could serve an important function in assisting Governments to enact national legislation against racial discrimination and promote adoption and application of international conventions. Regional human rights commissions should be called upon to publicize widely basic texts on existing human rights instruments.

BASIC RESEARCH AND STUDIES

19. The long-term viability of the United Nations programme against racism and racial discrimination will depend in part on continuing research into the causes of racism and into the new manifestations of racism and racial discrimination. The General Assembly may wish to examine the importance of preparing studies on racism. The following are some aspects to be studied:

(a) Application of article 2 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. Such a study might assist States to learn from one another the national measures taken to implement the Convention;

(b) Economic factors contributing to the perpetuation of racism and racial discrimination;

(c) Integration or preservation of cultural identity in a multiracial or multi-ethnic society;

(d) Political rights, including the participation of various racial groups in political processes and their representation in government service;

(e) Civil rights, including migration, nationality and freedom of opinion and association;

(f) Educational measures to combat racial prejudice and discrimination and to propagate the principles of the United Nations;

(g) Socio-economic costs of racism and racial discrimination;

(h) Global integration and the question of racism and the nation State;

(i) National mechanisms against racism and racial discrimination in the fields of immigration, employment, salary, housing, education and ownership of property.

COORDINATION AND REPORTING

20. It may be relevant to recall that, in its resolution 38/14 of 22 November 1983, in which it proclaimed the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, the General Assembly charged the Economic and Social Council with coordinating the implementation of the programme and evaluating the

activities. The Assembly decides that the following steps should be taken to strengthen the United Nations input into the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination:

(a) The General Assembly entrusts the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights, in cooperation with the Secretary-General, with the responsibility for coordinating the programmes and evaluating the activities undertaken in connection with the Third Decade;

(b) The Secretary-General is invited to provide specific information on activities against racism, to be contained in one annual report, which should be comprehensive in nature and allow a general overview of all mandated activities. This will facilitate coordination and evaluation;

(c) An open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights, or other appropriate arrangement under the Commission, may be established to review Decade-related information on the basis of the annual report referred to above, as well as relevant studies and reports of seminars, to assist the Commission in formulating appropriate recommendations to the Economic and Social Council on particular activities, allocation of priorities and so on.

21. Furthermore, an inter-agency meeting should be organized immediately after the proclamation of the Third Decade, with a view to planning working meetings and other activities.

REGULAR SYSTEM-WIDE CONSULTATIONS

22. Annual consultations between the United Nations, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations should take place to review and plan Decade-related activities. In this framework, the Centre for Human Rights should organize inter-agency meetings to consider and discuss further measures to strengthen the coordination and cooperation of programmes related to the issues of combating racism and racial discrimination.

23. The Centre for Human Rights should also strengthen the relationship with non-governmental organizations fighting against racism and racial discrimination by holding consultations and briefings with the non-governmental organizations. Such meetings could help them to initiate, develop and present proposals regarding the struggle against racism and racial discrimination.

24. The Secretary-General should include the activities to be carried out during the Decade, as well as the related resource requirements, in the proposed programme budgets, which will be submitted biennially, during the Decade, starting with the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

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ELIMINATION OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Report of the Third Committee (Part II)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Third Committee continued its consideration of item 93 at its 47th, 60th, 65th and 66th meetings, on 30 November and on 8, 13 and 14 December 1994. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/49/SR.47, 60, 65 and 66).

2. At its 47th meeting on 30 November, the Committee heard a statement by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (see A/C.3/49/SR.47).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/49/L.77

3. At the 65th meeting, on 13 December, the representative of Cuba, on behalf of Benin, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Ghana, Honduras, Mexico, Nigeria, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname and Turkey, subsequently joined by Algeria, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance" (A/C.3/49/L.77).

4. At the 66th meeting, on 14 December, the representative of Cuba orally revised the draft resolution as follows:

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(a) In operative paragraph 2, the words "to earmark" were replaced by the words "to consider earmarking";

(b) In operative paragraph 3, the word "additional" was deleted before the words "human and financial assistance".

5. Subsequently, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, the Niger and Panama joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.77.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.77, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 8).

7. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Japan made a statement after the adoption of the draft resolution.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

8. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, 1/

1. Expresses its full support for the work of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

2. Urges Member States to consider earmarking funds specially for the mandate of the Special Rapporteur within the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, without further delay, to provide the Special Rapporteur with all the necessary human and financial assistance in carrying out his mandate and enabling him to submit in a timely manner an interim report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session under the item entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination".

1/ A/49/677, annex.